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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TURKISH REACTION TO GREEK COUNTER-PROPOSAL ON VAROSHA

1. AT THE END OF CHARGE'S MEETING WITH ELEKDAG JULY 28,
WE ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE ANY TURKISH REACTION TO THE GREEK
CYPRIOT COUNTER-PROPOSAL ON VAROSHA. ELEKDAG SAID THEY HAD
BEEN DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH DENKTASH, AND EXPECTED THAT
DENKTASH WOULD AT SOME POINT MAKE A STATEMENT. (HE NOTED THAT
DENKTASH HAD NOT YET OFFICIALLY RECEIVED THE GREEK PROPOSAL
THROUGH THE UN.) ELEKDAG SAID HE THOUGHT DENKTASH WOULD TAKE A
POSITIVE LINE, AND THAT BASICALLY HE WOULD REITERATE THE TURKISH
PROPOSAL THAT THE TWO SIDES SIT DOWN AND NEGOTIATE THEIR DIFFERENCES.
ELEKDAG NOTED THAT THERE WERE SUBSTANTIAL DISPARITIES BETWEEN
THE TWO PROPOSALS, BUT INDICATED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO RECONCILE
THEM WAS THROUGH FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

2. TURKS ADDED A FOOTNOTE IN RELATING THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT
UNOFFICIAL OBSERVER AT THE NAM MEETING IN BELGRADE HAD RUN
INTO THE GREEK CYPRIOT DELEGATION AND ASKED WHY THE GREEKS
HAD FLATLY REJECTED THE DENKTASH PROPOSAL. THE GREEKS REPORTEDLY
REPLIED THAT THE DENKTASH PROPOSAL WAS "VERY APPROPRIATE,"
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BUT HAD BEEN MADE AT A VERY "INAPPROPRIATE" TIME, AND FOR THAT
REASON THEY HAD HAD TO REJECT IT.
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